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### Questionnaire Opens... Let the Data Begin!

From Port Macquarie in New South Wales, to Balga in Western Australia, students throughout Australia have accessed the internet and answered questions about themselves for CensusAtSchool, using the on-line questionnaire which opened on January 30.

The first students in Australia to submit a questionnaire were from St. Joseph's School in Adelong, New South Wales.

By completing the questionnaire, the students at St. Joseph's have ensured that their data is included in the CensusAtSchool resource. It will assist fellow students throughout the country to learn more about information and communication technologies, mathematics, our society and environment. Lesson ideas developed by teachers with primary and secondary school experience have been provided to support students and teachers in gaining the most out of the data collected in this on-line project. These are available from the Teacher Resources page.

Schools are encouraged to have as many students as possible involved so that the database continues to develop into a rich and relevant resource for all students Australia wide. To register your school download the registration form from the School Registration page.



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### Key Dates

30 Jan 2006	➔ Questionnaire Open
07 Jul 2006	Questionnaire Closed
11 Jul 2006	Data Usage Open

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Registered Schools	
as at 01/03/06	
ACT	42
NSW	701
NT	33
Qld.	367
SA	256
Tas.	71
Vic.	635
WA	252
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2,357</b>

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**Using the Questionnaire To Reinforce ICT and Literacy Skills**

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The online questionnaire is a great way to introduce or revisit skills and concepts with your class. During ICT sessions, the questionnaire can be used to consolidate skills such as accessing web sites and using a browser, identifying pages and reading instructions. Since questionnaire style documents are becoming more prevalent in schools especially in testing, a literacy focus can also be achieved by emphasising accurate reading of questions, selecting appropriate answers and following instructions when completing the questionnaire.

Download a sample copy of the Questionnaire from the Project Support Materials page.

The CensusAtSchool web site also provides a series of ICT lessons that can introduce your students to using spreadsheets and using the internet. This is an excellent resource to get your students familiar with internet and spreadsheets. They can then use the Random Sampler to filter and get questionnaire response data when it is released on 11 July.



The first school in Australia to submit CensusAtSchool online questionnaires was St. Joseph's School in Adelong New South Wales. The first schools in the states/territories to complete questionnaires were:

**NSW**, St. Joseph's, Adelong  
**Qld**, Westside Christian College, Goodna  
**SA**, Whitefriars Catholic Parish School, Woodville Park  
**WA**, Hedland Senior High School, South Hedland  
**Vic**, Haslem Street Primary School, Kyabram

Learn more about these schools, why they chose to participate in CensusAtSchool and how they intend to use CensusAtSchool to create engaging and relevant learning experiences for their students.

View the News release - First Schools Complete Questionnaires

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## What Teachers are Saying...

"We are a small school with 8 senior students participating in the project. They have all done their questionnaire. Very easy for us as they all have a laptop. We did it as part of their reading. The project fits well with the Quality Teaching Framework for NSW schools."

- Sue Hobbs, Bungwahl Primary School Principal

" [the students] appreciated the opportunity to use real 'live' data in their studies."

- Christopher Meadows, Westside Christian College School Principal

To submit your comments, please send an email to: [censusatschool@abs.gov.au](mailto:censusatschool@abs.gov.au)

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## Does the idea of working on the Census appeal to you? You would be helping your community - and you would be paid to do it.

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Over the next few months the Australian Bureau of Statistics will recruit 30,000 part-time employees to help deliver and collect Census forms across the nation.

The Census of Population and Housing is held every five years. The Census will be held on 8 August this year.

The first stage of the Census recruitment drive is the employment of Area Supervisors. About 3,500 are needed across the nation.

Applications for these jobs opened on 11 February and will close on 17 March. Applicants are particularly being sort in rural, regional and inner city areas.



Area Supervisors will work from 21 April to October 6. They are responsible for the recruitment, training and management of a group of Census Collectors. Collectors will be employed from 8 April.

The majority of Area Supervisors will earn a total of between \$1,900 and \$3,300, depending on how much work is involved. Area Supervisors come from a variety of backgrounds. They include retired managers, former and serving school teachers, community workers, people working part time, parents at home with children.

Area Supervisor need their own vehicle and telephone and a secure place to store Census materials. The ABS provides all training for Area Supervisors.

**Applications for Area Supervisor positions can be made on the ABS website at [www.abs.gov.au/recruitment](http://www.abs.gov.au/recruitment) or by phoning: 1300 236 787.**

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If you have any questions or general CensusAtSchool project enquiries, please contact the ABS, National Education Service Unit, CensusAtSchool Team by email [censusatschool@abs.gov.au](mailto:censusatschool@abs.gov.au) or on free call 1800 623 273 between 9:00am and 5:00pm (AEST) Monday to Friday.



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## About this Release

The CensusAtSchool newsletter is a service for users of the CensusAtSchool online learning project. It provides useful support information, project updates and community feedback on how the project is being used by teachers and students in schools across Australia. Each issue contains a feature article, a teacher support article and a general interest article, along with project updates, teacher tips and tricks and other related material. For more information on the CensusAtSchool project, visit <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/cashome.nsf/Home/Home>

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